

## From the Dean

While our most recent graduates are immersed in the rite of passage that is the bar exam study period, we want to share exciting news about bar passage successes achieved by our talented recent alumni. According to American Bar Association data, FSU Law is the best law school in Florida and 28th best nationally in terms of 2018 graduates who passed a bar examination on their first attempt! Additionally, at a rate of 94.48%, we are among the nation's top law schools in terms of class of 2016 graduates who passed a bar examination in any jurisdiction within two years of graduating. The hard work and dedication of our alumni is evident in these impressive results! We also believe the increased bar support services spearheaded by our Academic Programs and Student Advancement Offices are paying dividends, so we continue to look for innovative ways to support our students and recent grads who are studying for bar exams. Many graduates taking the bar exam in July are attending our supplemental bar prep classes this summer. We are proud of their dedication and anticipate seeing even higher rates of alumni excel on the bar exam in the future!



- Dean Erin O'Connor

## Summer Faculty Enrichment Workshops



In June, FSU Law Professors Jay Kesten and Hannah Wiseman presented "The Partisan Corporation," an interdisciplinary collaboration in its formative brainstorming stage, during a faculty luncheon.

During the summer months, fewer students take classes at FSU Law and our faculty members can devote more time to their scholarship. Part of that process is presenting their in-progress works to colleagues during a series of luncheons. Scholarship presented this summer was in various stages, but the enrichment workshops provided an opportunity for faculty to flesh out their ideas and get feedback from colleagues. One of the most beneficial aspects of these workshops is to get unique perspectives from scholars with a wide range of areas of expertise. This summer's faculty presentations included:

- **Shawn J. Bayern**, "The Radical Implications of Modern Legal Organizations"
- **Courtney Cahill**, "The New Maternity"
- **Aviana K. Eisenberg**, "'Tough Beats:' Policing Streets and Prisons"
- **Jay Kesten and Hannah Wiseman**, "The Partisan Corporation"
- **April Knill**, "Stock Ownership of Federal Judges and Its Impact on Corporations"
- **Tahirih V. Lee**, "Early Twentieth Century Shanghai as a Test Case for Hernando de Soto Polar's View of Property Law"
- **Jake Linford**, "The Proper Scope of Injunctive Relief in Trademark Cases: A Historical Perspective"
- **Michael T. Morley**, "Vertical *Stare Decisis* and Three-Judge Courts"
- **Mark B. Seidenfeld**, "Minimal Sovereignty and American Federalism"
- **Mark Spottswood**, "Malleable Memories and the Law of Proof"
- **Kelli Alces Williams**, "Market Testing Boilerplate"

## Alum Profile: Christopher A. Iacovella ('06)

Christopher A. Iacovella is chief executive officer of the American Securities Association (ASA) in Washington, D.C. As CEO, he leads the only trade association that exclusively represents the wealth management and capital markets interests of regional financial services firms. Prior to joining ASA, Iacovella was CEO of Equity Dealers of America, which he launched in 2016, and then successfully branded and increased its membership. His experience also includes serving as senior director of global government affairs, strategy and public policy at Bloomberg, L.P., as special counsel and policy advisor to Commissioner Scott O'Malia at the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, as senior counsel on the House Financial Services Committee, and as a structured finance, capital markets, and merger and acquisition attorney. Iacovella has special expertise in equity, fixed income and derivatives market structure issues, capital formation, SME policy and wealth management issues. His views are regularly quoted in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *Bloomberg* and numerous financial services trade outlets. He has spoken on financial markets around the world, presenting ideas and expertise to European Union, South American, Asian and Chinese authorities. In addition to a J.D. from FSU Law, Iacovella holds an LL.M. from the Georgetown University Law Center, where he graduated with distinction and earned a Certificate in National Security Law. Iacovella is pictured at a U.S. Chamber of Commerce event in March 2019.



*"FSU Law gave me the tools to succeed in the legal world and the policy world. I learned to use every tool in my arsenal to solve problems and be a leader on important issues. Without exposure to professors who encouraged open-minded thinking, my career would not have evolved as it has."*

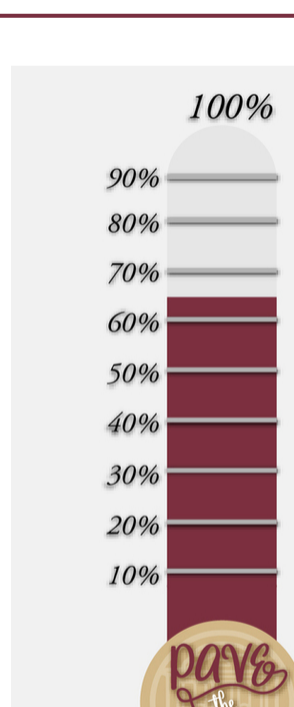
## Student Profile: 2019 Grad Joshua Budziak

**Desired Practice Location:** No preferences  
**Field of Law Sought:** Public international law, immigration law or foreign policy work



Originally from Boca Raton, Joshua Budziak earned bachelor's degrees in legal studies and political science from the University of Central Florida. When he graduated from FSU Law in May 2019, he also earned the International Law Certificate, with honors. Currently, Budziak is a research assistant for Professor Terry Coonan, executive director of the FSU Center for the Advancement of Human Rights. This spring, Budziak participated in the FSU Public Interest Law Center's Immigration and Farmworker Project, where he assisted clients with their immigration applications and cases, and took part in community outreach presentations to inform members of the immigrant community of their rights. He also engaged in legislative advocacy. During the spring of his 2L year, Budziak externed with the International Bar Association in London. While there, he conducted legal research, analyzed recent international and foreign developments, and determined their potential humanitarian impacts. Budziak participated in the FSU Summer Program in Law at the University of Oxford in England. He was also on the Black Law Students Association trial team during his 1L year and was a semifinalist in the 2017 Southern Regional Black Law Students Association Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition. Budziak says he is always willing to take on new challenges and dive into unfamiliar areas of the law. If you are interested in hiring Budziak, [visit his LinkedIn profile](#).

*"My experiences at FSU Law not only gave me the skills I need to launch my legal career, but also showed me the importance of public service. I hope to do FSU proud by using my law degree to give back to the community and help those most in need."*



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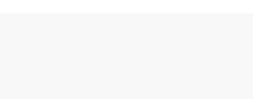
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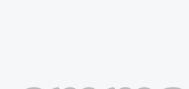
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